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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ofer Shalem, et al.
Serial Number: 09/504,018
Filed: February 18, 2000
For: Increasing Channel Capacity in Fixed Cellular Networks
Art Unit: 2685
Examiner: Ward, Ronald J

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington DC 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to an office action dated January 8, 2003, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly delete claims 19-21 and 32, without prejudice. Kindly replace the present claim 13 with the following claim in clean form:

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7. 19. (Twice Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein not forwarding the entire payload of the packet if the data payload will not be decoded comprises not forwarding any of the packet.

REMARKS

The application now includes claims 1-3, 5-18, 23-27 and 38-42. Claims 4, 22, 28-31 and 33-37 were previously deleted. Claim 13 has been currently amended and claims 19-21 and 32 has been currently deleted.

Claim 13 is objected to because of an informality. The applicants have amended the claim as recommended by the Examiner in order to clarify the claim. A marked-up version of the amendment is attached hereto.

The Examiner has raised objections to or rejected claims 19-21 and 32. Without prejudice, the applicants have deleted these claims in order to expedite allowance.

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